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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION IN
RESPONSE TO AUGUST 15, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 15, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments concurrent with a filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.